Union College EHS serves the Union community at a variety of different levels. Our department includes three specialists that deal with Fire Safety & Protection, OSHA compliance and lab/radiation safety. This brochure covers fire safety & protection. Please contact Mike Hilton at hiltonm@union.edu if you have any questions or comments.
Common Fire Safety Violations

A list of some common fire safety violations that are usually found during an inspection. You can help by checking your room and correcting these violations or reporting them to your RA.

Overloaded Outlet  Multiple Extension Cords

Covered smoke detectors can delay the fire alarm from activating and potentially cause someone serious injury or even death.

Union College prohibits the use of candles in all campus buildings. New York State also bans such use in all residence halls.

Obstructed fire sprinklers or fire alarm devices such as horn/strobes, pull stations or fire department hose connection stations.

Missed cover plate on outlets, light switches or other electrical boxes. Work orders should be filed for these findings.

Prevent False Fire Alarms

It happens all too often. The burned food on the stove, steam from the shower or using a hair dryer near a smoke detector. These are nuisance alarms that can be prevented.

Never leave cooking unattended. Turn on your vent fan and make sure bedroom doors adjacent to the kitchen are closed!

Propped Fire Doors  Obstructed exit’s or exit paths.

Union College Housing Prohibited Items

- Microwave Ovens not part of a microfridge combination
- Hover boards
- Air Conditioners (for non-health related use)
- Electric Heaters
- Toasters and Toaster Ovens
- Ceiling tapestry and wall tapestry adjacent to bedding.
- Lofts That Are Not Listed In the Student Handbook
- Open flame or open coil cooking devices
- Candles/Incense/Smoking Materials
- Halogen Type Lamps
- String Lighting & Paper Lantern Lights
- Fireworks/Sparklers

- See pages 85-88 of the student online handbook for more prohibited items as well as fire safety information.